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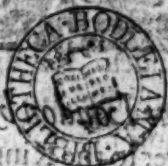


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THREE PATENTS CONCERNING THE HONORABLE SECRETARY AND DISTRICT OF HONORABLE

The first containing the Creation of
and certain other
The second a decree with addition
of other Privileges
The third a continuation and
extension of the same



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THE
PRECEDENT
OF THE PATENT
of Creation of *Baronets*.



Rex omnibus ad
quos, &c. *Salu-*
tem. C. V. M. inter
alias Imperij nostri ge-
rendi curas, quibus a-
nimus noster assidue
exeretur, illa non minima sit, nec minimi
momenti, de Plantatione Regni nostri H. I.
BERNIE, ac potissimum *Vlonia*, amplæ
& percelebris ejusdem Regni Prouincia,
quam, nostris jam auspicijs atque armis
feliciter sub obsequij iugum redactam, ita
constabilire elaboramus, vt tanta Prouin-
cia, non solum sincero Religionis cultu,
A 3 humani-

humanitate civili, morumque probitate,
 verum etiam opum affluentia, atque om-
 nium rerum copia, quæ statum Reipublicæ
 ornare vel beare possit, magis magisque ef-
 florescat; Opus sanè, quod nulli progeni-
 torum nostrorum præstare & perficere li-
 cuit, quamvis id ipsum multa sanguinis &
 opum profusione sæpius tentauerint; In
 quo opere, sollicitudo nostra Regia, non so-
 lum ad hoc excubare debet, vt Plantatio
 ipsa strenue promouëatur, oppida condan-
 tur, ædes & castra extruantur, agri colan-
 tur, & id genus alia; Sed etiam prospicien-
 dum in primis, vt vniuersus huiusmodi re-
 rum civilium apparatus, manu armata, præ-
 sidij, videlicet & cohortibus, protegatur &
 communiatur, ne qua aut vis hostilis, aut
 defectio intestina, rem disturberet aut impe-
 diat: Cumque nobis incrimatum sit, ex parte
 quorundam ex fidelibus nostris subditis, quos
 ipsi paratissimi sint ad hoc Regnum nostrum
 inceptum, tam corporibus quam fornis
 suis promouendum: Nos commoni operis
 tam sancti ac salutæris intuitu, atque gratos
 habentes huiusmodi generolos affectus, at-
 que

que propensas in obsequium nostrum & bonum publicum voluntates, Statuimus apud nos ipsos nulli rei deesse, quæ subditorum nostrorum studia præfata remunerare, aut aliorum animos atque alacritatem, ad operas suas præstandas, aut impensas in hac parte faciendas, excitare possit : Itaq; nobiscum perpendentes atque reputâtes, virtutem & industriam, nullâ alia re magis quam honore aliatque acui ; omnemque honoris & dignitatis splendorem, & amplitudinem à Rege tanquam à fonte, originem & incrementum ducere, ad cuius culmen & fastigium propriè spectat, novos honorum & dignitatum titulos erigere atque instituere, utpote à quo antiqui illi fluxerint ; consentaneum iuximus (postulatè usu Reipublicæ atque temporum ratione) noua merita, nouis dignitatum insignibus repondere : Ac propterea, ex certâ scientiâ & mero motu nostris, Ordinauimus, creauimus, constituimus, & creauimus, quendam statum, gradum, dignitatem, nomen & titulum *Baronetti*, (Anglice *visq; Barones*) infra hoc Regnum nostrum Angliæ perpetuis temporibus duraturum.

rum. S C I A T I S modo quod nos de
 gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia &
 merito motu nostris, ereximus, præfecimus &
 creauimus, ac per presentes pro nobis, He-
 redibus, & successoribus nostris, erigimus,
 præficimus, & creamus dilectum nostrum
 in comitatu supradictis virum, fa-
 milia, patrimonio, censu, & morum probi-
 tate spectatum (qui nobis auxilium & sub-
 sidium satis amplum, generoso & liberali a-
 nimo dedit & præstitit, ad manutenendum,
 & supportandum triginta viros in cohorti-
 bus nostris pedestribus in dicto Regno no-
 stro Hibernie, per tres annos integros pro
 defensione dicti Regni nostri, & præcipue
 pro securitate plantationis dictæ Prouinciæ
 Ultoniæ) ad, & in dignitatem, statum, & gra-
 dum *Baronetti* (Anglice *of a Baronet*) Ip-
 sumque *Baronetum* pro
 nobis, Heredibus, & successoribus nostris,
 præficimus, constituimus, & creamus per
 presentes, habendum sibi, & heredibus mas-
 culis de corpore suo legitime procreatis
 in perpetuum. *MO LV M V* etiam &
 per

per presentes de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex
 certa scientia & mero motu nostris, pro no-
 bis, Heredibus, & successoribus nostris con-
 cedimus præfato
 & Heredibus masculis de corpore suo
 legitime procreatis, Quod ipse idem
 & Heredes sui mas-
 culi prædicti habeant, gaudeant, teneant, &
 capiant locum atque Præcedentiam, vir-
 tute dignitatis *Baronetti* prædicti, & Vi-
 gore præsentium, tam in omnibus Com-
 missionibus, breuib; literis patentibus,
 scriptis, appellationibus, nominationibus &
 directionibus, quam in omnibus Sessioni-
 bus, Conuentibus, Curibus & locis quibus-
 cunque, præ omnibus militibus, tam de
 Balneo, (Anglice of the Bath) quam militi-
 bus Baccalaureis, (Anglice Bachelors) ac
 etiam præ omnibus militibus Banneretis,
 (Anglice Bannerets) iam creatis, vel im-
 posterum creandis, (illis militibus Banne-
 retis tantummodo exceptis, quos sub vexil-
 lis regijs, in exercitu regali, in aperto bello,
 & ipso Rege personaliter presente, expli-
 catis, & non aliter creari contigerit. Quod-

que vxoris dicti & Hære-
 dum masculorum suorum prædictorum,
 virtute dictæ dignitatis maritorum suorum
 prædictorum, habeant, teneant, gaudeant,
 & capiant locum & præcedentiam, præ vx-
 oribus omnium aliorum quorumcunq; præ
 quibus mariti huiusmodi vxorū, vigore præ-
 sentium habere debent locum & præceden-
 tiam; atque quod primogenitus filius, ac
 ceteri omnes filij & eorum vxores, & filia
 eiusdem & hæredum suorum
 prædictorum respectiue, habeant, & capi-
 ant locum & præcedentiam, ante primoge-
 nitos filios, ac alios filios & eorum vxores,
 & filias omnium quorumcunque respecti-
 uè, præ quibus patres huiusmodi filiorum
 primogenitorum, & aliorum filiorum, & e-
 orum vxores, & filiarum, vigore præsentium
 habere debent locum & præcedentiam.
 V O L V M V S etiam, & per præsentis pro
 nobis, hæredibus, & successoribus nostris,
 de gratia nostro speciali, ac ex certa scientia,
 & mero motu nostris concedimus, quod
 dictus nominetur, appel-
 letur, nuncupetur, placitet & implacitetur,
 per

per nomen

Baronetti, Et

quod stilius & additio *Baronetti* apponatur
in fine nominis eiusdem & hæ-

redum masculorum suorum prædictorum,
in omnibus Literis Patentibus, Commissio-
nibus, & Breuibz nostris, atque omnibus
alijs Chartis, factis, atque literis, virtute
præsentium, vt vera, & legitima, & necessaria
additio dignitatis. Volumus etiam, & per
Præsentes pro nobis, hæredibus, & succes-
soribus nostris ordinamus, quod nomini
dicti & Hæredum mas-

culorum suorum prædictorum, in sermone
Anglicano, & omnibus scriptis Anglicanis,
præponatur hæc additio, videlicet Anglice
(SIR:) Et similiter quod vxores eiusdem

& hæredum masculorum suo-
rum prædictorum, habeant, vtantur, &
gaudeant hac appellatione, videlicet An-
glice (*Lady, Madame, & Dame*) respectiue,
secundum vsum loquendi. Habendum,
tenendum, vtendum, & gaudendum, ea-
dem, statum, gradum, dignitatem, stilius,
titulum, nomen, locum, & præcedentiam,
cum omnibus & singulis Priuilegijs, & cæ-

teris præmissis, præfat.
 heredibus masculis de corpore suo exeunti-
 bus imperpetuum. Volentes & per præ-
 sentes concedentes, pro Nobis Heredibus
 & successoribus Nostreis, quod prædictus
 & heredes sui masculi præ-
 dicti, nomen, statum, gradum, stylum,
 dignitatem, titulum, locum, & præceden-
 tiam prædictam, cum omnibus & singulis
 Privilegijs, & cæteris præmissis succedant,
 gerant & habeant, & eorum quilibet gerat
 & habeat, quodque idem Et
 Heredes sui Masculi prædicti succedant
Baronetti in omnibus teneantur, Et ut *Bar-*
onetti tractentur & reputentur, Et eorum
 quilibet teneatur, tractetur & reputetur. Et
 ulterius de vberiori gratiâ nostrâ speciali, ac
 ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris Con-
 cessimus, ac per præsentis pro Nobis, Here-
 dibus & successoribus Nostreis concedimus
 præfato Et Heredibus
 suis masculis prædictis, quod numerus *Bar-*
onettorum huius Regni Angliæ nunquam
 posthac excedet in toto, in aliquo vno
 tempore, numerum ducentorum *Baronet-*
 torum:

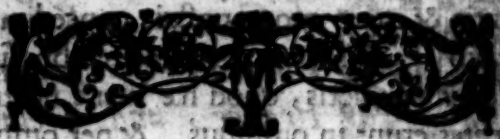
rorum : & quod dicti *Baronetti*, & eorum
 Heredes masculi prædicti respectiue, de
 tempore in tempus in perpetuum, habebunt
 tenebunt & gaudebunt locos & præceden-
 tias suas inter se, videlicet, quilibet eorum
 secundum prioritatem & senioritatem Cre-
 ationis suæ *Baronetti* prædicti; quotquot
 autem creati sunt, vel creabuntur *Baro-*
netti per literas nostras Patentes, gerentes
 Datas vno & eodem die, & Heredes sui
 prædicti, gaudebunt locis & præcedentijs
 suis inter se secundum prioritatem, quæ cui-
 libet eorum dabitur, per alias literas nostras
 patentes in ea parte primo conficiendas,
 sine impedimento, & non aliter, nec
 alio modo. Et insuper de abundantiori
 gratiâ nostrâ speciali, ac ex certa scientiâ
 & mero motu nostris concessimus, ac per
 præsentem, pro nobis, hæredibus & successo-
 ribus nostris concedimus præfato
 & hæredibus suis Masculis præ-
 dictis, quod nec Nos, nec Heredes vel Suc-
 cessores Nostri, de cætero in posterum eri-
 gemus, ordinabimus, constituemus, aut cre-
 abimus infra hoc Regnum nostrum Angliæ

aliquem alium gradum, ordinem, nomen, titulum, dignitatem, siue statum, sub vel infra gradum, dignitatem, siue statum *Baronum*, huius Regni nostri *ANGLIÆ*, qui erit vel esse possit superior, vel æqualis gradui & dignitati *Baronettorum* prædictorum, sed quod tam dictus & *Hæredes* sui Masculi prædicti, quàm vxores, filij, vxores filiorum & filiz eiusdem & hæredum masculorum suorum prædictorum, de cætero in perpetuum liberè & quietè habeant, teneant, & gaudeant, dignitates, locos & præcedentias suas prædictas præ omnibus, qui erunt de talibus gradibus, statibus, dignitatibus vel ordinibus in posterum, vt præfertur creando respectiue secundū veram intentionem præsentium absq; impedimento nostro, hæredū, vel successorum nostrorū, vel aliorum quorumcunque. Et vltius per præsentem declaramus, & significamus beneplacitum & voluntatem nostram in hac parte fore & esse, Et sic nobiscum statuimus & decreuimus, quod si postquam nos prædictum numerum ducentorum *Baronettorum* huius Regni

Regni Angliæ compleuerimus & perfecimus, Contigerit aliquem, vel aliquos eorundem Baronetorum ab hac vitâ discedere, absque Hære de masculode corpore vel corporibus huiusmodi *Baronetti* vel Baronetorū procreato, quod tunc nos non creabimus, vel præficiemus aliquam aliam personam, vel personas in Baronettum, vel Baronettos Regni Nostri Angliæ, sed quod numerus dictorum Ducentorum Baronetorum ea ratione de tempore in tempus diminuetur, & in minorem numerum cedit & redigetur; Denique volumus, ac per præsentis, pro nobis, heredibus & successoribus nostris de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris concedimus præfaro

& Hæredibus suis masculis prædictis, quod hæ literæ nostræ Patentes erunt in omnibus, & per omnia finē, validæ, bonæ, sufficientes & effectuales in lege, tam contra nos, hæredes, & successores nostros, quàm contra omnes alios quoscunque secundum veram intentionem earundem, tam in omnibus curiis nostris, quam alibi vbicunque.

Non obstante aliqua lege, consuetudine,
 prescriptione, usu, ordinatione, siue con-
 stitutione quacunque ante hac edita, habi-
 ta, usitata, ordinata, siue promissa, vel in poste-
 rum adenda, habenda, vivenda, ordinanda,
 vel promittenda: Et non obstante aliqua alia
 re, causa vel materia quacunque. Volumus
 etiam, &c. Absque fine in Manerio, &c.
 Eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cuius
 rei, &c. Teste, &c.



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AMEs, by the grace
of GOD, King of
England, Scotland,
France, and Ireland,
Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whome these presents shall
come, Greeting. Know ye that We haue
made a certaine Ordinance, Establishment,
and finall Decree, wherof the tenor follow-
eth in these words.

At Letters Patents of the Barons
have

*The Decree and Establishment
of the Kings Maiestie, vpon a controuersie of
Precedence, betwene the yonger sonnes of Vis-
counts and Barons, and the Baronets; And
touching some other points also concerning, as well
Bannerets, as the said Baronets.*

THE Kings most Excellent Maiestie, hauing vpon the Petition, and submission of both parts, taken into his Royall audience and censure, a certaine controuersie, touching place and Precedence, betwene the yonger sonnes of Viscounts, and Barons, and the Baronets, (being a degree by his Maiestie newly created) which controuersie did arise vpon an inference onely out of some darke words contained in the Letters Patents of the said Baronets: And hauing in person heard both parts, and their learned Counsell, three seuerall daies at large after information taken from the Heraulds, and due consideration of such proofes as were produced on both sides, hath declared and decreed as followeth.

HIS Maiestie well weighing that the Letters Patents of the Baronets haue

haue no special clause or expresse wordes
to giue vnto them the saide Precedence ;
And beeing a witnesse vnto himselfe
(which is a testimonie aboue all exception)
that his Princely meaning was onely to
grace , and aduance this new Dignitie of his
Majesties erection ; but not therewithall
any wayes to wrong tacitely, and obscurely a
third partie, such as the yonger sonnes of Vis-
counts and Barons are, in that which is a
flower of their fathers Nobilitie :

And hauing also had the attestation of
the Lords of his Priuie Councell, who did
declare that the Precedence (after debate and
deliberation, while the Patent of the Baro-
nets was in consultation) was with one con-
sent resolved and ordered for the yonger
sonnes of the Viscounts, and Barons :

And finding also that the clause where-
by the Precedence is challenged by the
Baronets, as by a kinde of consequence in
regard of place, giuen vnto them aboue
some Bannerets, doeth not warrant their
claime (forasmuch as the Precedence be-
twene the Bannerets themselves, and the

yonger sonnes of Viscounts and Barons, ap-
 peareth not to haue bene regular or certaine;
 but full of confusion and variety, and there-
 fore not sufficient whereupon to ground
 such their pretence, but being chiefly mo-
 ued by the clearenesse of his Maiesties Roy,
 all intent, and meaning, and the explanation
 thereof by his Councell, (which his Royall
 meaning doeth, and euer must leade his Ma-
 iesties iudgement in the interpretation of his
 owne Actes,) hath finally sentenced, adiu-
 ged, and established, that the yonger sonnes
 of Viscounts, and Barons, shall take
 place and Precedence before all Baro-
 nets.

AND further, the better to settle, and
 cleare also all question of Precedence
 that may concerne either Bannerets, or the
 yonger sonnes of Viscounts and Barons, or
 the said Baronets, either as they haue rela-
 tion amongst themselves, or towards o-
 thers respectively, his Maiestie for himselfe,
 his heires and successours, doeth ordaine
 and establish, that such Bannerets, as shall
 be

he made by the Kings Maiestie, his heires
and successours vnder his or their Standard,
displayed in his Armie Royall in open
warre, and the King personally present; for
the terme of the liues of such Bannerets,
and no longer, (according to the most an-
cient, and noble institution) shall for euer
hereafter in all places, and vpon all occa-
sions, take place, and Precedence, as well be-
fore all other Bannerets whatsoeuer, (no res-
pect being had to the time, and priority of
their creation) as, likewise before the younger
sonnes of Viscounts and Barons, and also be-
fore all Baronets.

And againe, that the younger sonnes of
Viscounts and Barons, and also all Baro-
nets, shall in all places, and vpon all occa-
sions, take place and Precedence before all
Bannerets whatsoeuer, other then such as
shall bee made by the King himselfe, his
heires and successours in person, and in
such speciall case, manner and forme as a-
foresaid.

Neuerthelesse, for a singular honour to
the person of the most high and excellent

Prince HENRY now Prince of *Wales*, his
 Maiesties eldest sonne; aswell the yonger
 sonnes of the Viscounts, and Barons, as the
 Baronets, haue freely and voluntarily con-
 sented and agreed at the hearing of the
 said cause, in the presence of his Maiestie,
 and his Priuie Counsell, and all the hea-
 rers, to giue place and Precedence, to such
 Bannerets, as shalbe hereafter made by the
 said most noble HENRY, now Prince of
Wales, vnder the Kings Standard displayed in
 an Armie Royall in open warre, and the
 said Prince there personally present.

Sauing the right of the yonger sonnes
 of Viscounts and Barons, and of the said Ba-
 ronets, and of the heires males of the bo-
 dies of such Baronets, for the time being, in
 all other cases according to the effect, and
 true intent and meaning of their Letters
 Patents, and of these presents.

AND his Maiestie doth likewise by these
 presents, for himselfe, his heires and
 successours ordaine, that the Knights of the
 most noble order of the Garter, the Priuie
 Coun-

Councillours of his Maiestie, his heires
 and successours, the Master of the Court
 of Wardes and Liueries, the Chancellour
 and vnder-Treasourer of the Exchequer,
 Chancellour of the Duchie, the chiefe Iu-
 stice of the Court commonly called the
 Kings Bench, the Master of the Rolls, the
 chiefe Iustice of the Court of Common
 Pleas, the chiefe Baron of the Exchequer,
 and all other the Iudges and Barons of the
 degree of the Coife of the saide Courts,
 now, and for the time being, shall by rea-
 son of such their Honourable order, and
 imployment of State and Iustice, haue
 place and Precedencie in all places, and vp-
 on all occasions before the yonger sonnes
 of Viscounts and Barons, and before all Ba-
 ronets, Any custome, vse, ordinance, or o-
 ther thing to the contrary notwithstanding.
 But that no other person or persons
 whatsoeuer, vnder the degree of Barons of
 Parliament, shall take place before the said
 Baronets, except onely the eldest sonnes
 of Viscounts and Barons, and others of
 higher degree, whereof no question euer,

was, or can be made. And for his Maie-
ties meaning is, and accordingly he doth
by these presents, for him, his heires and
successors, ordaine and decree, that the
said Barons, and the heires males of their
bodies, shall in all places, and vpon all oc-
cassions, for such haue, hold, and enjoy
their place and Precedencie, next vnto, and
immediatly after the younger sonnes of Vis-
counts and Barons; and that no person or
persons, nor State or States of men, shall
haue or take place betweene them, Any
Constitution, Order, Degree, Office, Ser-
uice, Place, Implyment, Custome, Use, or
other thing whatsoeuer now or hereafter,
to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that the wiues of the saide Bar-
ons, and of the heires males of their bo-
dies, shall likewise by vertue of the saide
Dignitie of their said husbands, in all pla-
ces, and vpon all occasions, haue, take and
enjoy their place and Precedencie during
their liues, next vnto, and immediatly after
that place that is due, and belongeth, vnto
the wiues of the younger sonnes of Vis-

counts and Barons, and to the daughters of such Viscounts and Barons; Any Constitution, Use, Custome, Ordinance, or other thing whatsoever, now or hereafter to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And further, his Maiestie doth by these presents, for him, his heires and successours, of his certaine knowledge and meere motion, promise and graunt to the said Baronets, and euery of them already created, and hereafter to be created; and the heires males of their bodies, That neither his Maiestie, nor his heires or successours, shall or will at any time hereafter erect, ordaine, constitute or create any other Degree, Order, Name, Title, Stile, Dignitie or State, nor will giue place, Precedencie or preheminence to any person or persons whatsoever, vnder or beneath the Degree, dignitie or State of Lords of Parliament of this his Realme of *England*, which shall or may be, or be taken, used or accompted to be higher, before, or equall to the Degree, dignitie or place of the said

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Baro-

Baronets, or any of them. AND therefore his Maiestie doeth for him, his heires and successours ordeine, graunt, and appoint by these presents, that all and euery the said Baronets, and their saide heires males, and the wiues sonnes, sonnes wiues, and daughters of the said Baronets, and of their said heires males, shall, and may for euer heereafter, freely and quietly haue, hold, and enioy their said Dignities, Places, Precedencie, and Priuiledges before all other which are or shall be created of such Decrees, States, Dignities, Orders, Names, Stiles, or Titles, or to whom such place, Precedencie, or Preheminance shall be so giuen as aforesaid, their wiues and children respectively, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents.

no Sauing neuertheless to his Maiestie, his heires and successors, full and absolute power and authoritie to continue or restore to any person or persons from time to time such place and precedencie, as at any time heereafter shall be due vnto them, which by any accident or occasion whatsoever shall
 be

be heereafter changed, any thing in these presents, or other cause or respect whatsoever to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And now though this Precedent declaration doth clearely ridde all questions arising vpon the Letters Patents, yet his Maiestie hauing vpon the occasion of this controuersie and hearing, and of some of the Baronets griuances, propounded out of their owne mouthes, considered more maturely vpon the points and latitude of their said Patents, his Maiestie beeing resolved (as out of his owne royall mouth it pleased him to declare vnto them) to ampliate his fauour, especially where it meetes with these so well borne and well deseruing Gentlemen, (this dignitie beeing of his Maiesties owne erection, and the worke of his owne handes) his Maiestie is therefore graciously pleased (not contented with those markes of his fauour, which already they enioy by the wordes of their Patent, which layeth such a marke of dignitie and precedence vpon them and their posterity) further to strengthen and adorne his Ma-

iesties gracious fauour towards them , with addition of the priuiledges, preheminencies, and ornaments ensuing.

First, his Maiestie is pleased to knight the present Baronets, that are no Knights : And doeth also by these presents of his meere motion and fauour , promise and graunt for him , his heires and successours, that such Baronets, and the heires males of their bodies, as hereafter shalbe no Knights, when they shall attaine , or be of theage of one and twentie yeares , vpon knowledge thereof giuen to the Lord Chamberlaine of the household, or Vice-chamberlaine for the time beeing, or in their absence to any other Officer attending vpon his Maiesties person , shall be knighted by his Maiestie, his heires and successours.

His Maiestie doth also graunt for him, his heires and successours, that the Baronets, and their descendants shall and may beare, either in a Canton in their coate of Armes , or in an Inscutcheon , at their election, the Armes of *Vlster*, that is, in a field
Argens,

Argent, a hand *Geules*, or a bloudy hand.

And also, that the Baronets, for the time beeing, and the heires males of their bodies shall haue place in the armies of the Kings Maiestie, his heires and successours, in the grosse, neere about the royall Standard of the King, his heires and successours, for the defence of the same.

And lastly, that the Baronets, and the heires males of their bodies shall haue two assistants of the bodie to support the Pall, a principall mourner, and foure assistants to him at their funerals, being the meane betwixt a Baron and a Knight.

And to the end that euery of the Baronets, and the heires males of their bodies, may haue vpon all occasions present, vse, and prooffe of these his Maiesties fauours; His Maiestie is graciously pleased, that as well the Baronets alreadie created, as hereafter to be created, shall and may haue, and take Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of *England*, to the effect of the said former Letters Patents of Creation, and of these presents, either ioynt or seuerall, as they

shall be aduised by the learned Councell
of his Maiestie, his heires and successours,
and according to his Highnesse true intent
and meaning.

*In witness whereof, We have caused these Our Let-
ters to be made Patents. Witnesse Our selfe at
Westminster, the eight and twentieth day of May,
in the tenth yeere of Our Raigne of England,
France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the five and
fortieth.*

JAMES





JAMES, by the grace
of GOD, King of
England, Scotland,
France and Ireland,
Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come
greeting. Know yee that whereas We here-
tofore haue ordeined, Erected, Constituted,
and created the Degree, State, Dignitie,
Name, and Title, of Baronet; to continue

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for euer within this our Realme of England. And to that end of our speciall Grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion haue (by our seuerall Letters Patents, vnder the great Seale of England; in that behalfe made) conferred the same State, Dignitie, and Degree of Baronet, vpon diuers principall Gentlemen of this our Kingdome. And thereby seuerally, and accordingly created them Baronets. To haue and to hold the same Dignitie, State, and Degree; to them and their seuerall heires Males of their seuerall bodies respectiuely. Together with such place and Precedency, to them and to their said heires Males, and to the wiues of them, and of their said heires Males, and to their eldest sonnes, and other their sonnes, and to the wiues of their sonnes, and to their daughters, with such stile, addition and appellation, to them and to their said heires Males: And to their wiues, and the wiues of their said seuerall heires Males, and with such other priuiledges, aduantages, and covenants, and in such sort, as in and by the said seuerall Letters Patents doth appeare.

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And whereas also of our further Grace and fauour, we haue by other our Letters Pattents vnder our great Seale of England, bearing date the eight and twentieth day of May, in the yeere of our Raigne of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, the tenth, and of Scotland, the five and fortieth, farther enlarged our gracious fauour towards the same Barons, by addition of certaine priuiledges, preheminences, and ornaments; in and by our said last recited Letters Pattents made, expressed, and granted; giuing also libertie thereby to such Gentlemen, as then were or should be created Baronets, to take Letters Pattents accordingly vnder our great Seale of England, to the effect of the same Letters Pattents, and of the said former Letters Pattents of creation, iointly and seuerally in such sort, as in and by the same Letters Pattents doth and may appeare. We of our Princely fauour and gracious disposition, vpon all occasions to make knowne, and publish the continuance of our fauour and good affection, as well towards the Gentlemen, whom of our power and grace We haue

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aduanced, or shall heereafter aduance, to the
 said Degree, as to the Degree it selfe being a
 matter of our owne erection, doe heereby
 for vs our heires and successors, not onely
 ratifie, confirme, allow, and approue of the
 said Dignitie, State, and Degree of a Baro-
 net, so erected by Vs as aforesaid. And the
 particuler and seuerall Letters Patents made
 by Vs to the seuerall Gentlemen, whom We
 haue thereby created Baronets, together
 with all the benefits, aduantages, rights, and
 priuiledges of place Precedency; and other-
 wise by our said seuerall Letters Pattents, to
 them seuerally graunted, or mentioned to be
 granted: and also all other priuiledges, bene-
 fits, and aduantages; in or by any other our
 Letters Pattents; giuen, granted, mentioned,
 or intended to them. But also of our speciall
 Grace and fauour, certaine knowledge, and
 meere motion, doe for Vs our heires and suc-
 cessors, declare heereby that We imitating
 therein our prodecessors and progenitors of
 famous memory, who haue had and put in
 practise the power of creating new Degrees
 amongst their Subjects, haue of our Regall
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power and authority erected and ordeined the said Degree of Baronet; and did then and yet intend and doe heereby appoint and expresse our will and pleasure to be, and doe graunt for Vs our heires and successors, that the same Title, Stile, Dignity, and Degree, shall be and continue to such Gentlemen, on whom of our goodnes and fauour We haue conferred, and shall heereafter conferre the same and to euery of them, and to the seuerall heires Males, of their seuerall bodies, and that the said Title, Stile, Dignitie, and Degree of Baronet, shall be, and shall be reputed and taken to be a Title, Stile, Dignity, and Degree of Dignity, Hereditary meane in place betwixt the Degree of a Baron, and the Degree of a Knight.

And We doe heereby declare that not onely such Gentlemen as are or heereafter shall be Baronets, as a foresaid: and the heires Males of their bodies, and their wiues, during their husbands liues, shall haue and hold such place and Precedency as by our former Letters Pattents are granted, mentioned, or intended to them, but also their

wiues after the decease of their husbands,
 shall during their liues haue and hold the
 like place of Precedency, which they had
 and held in their husbands liues according
 to the manner and vsage in other Degrees.
 And for as much as the Degree of a Baronet,
 is an Hereditarie Degree in blood, there-
 fore We doe declare; That the eldest sonnes
 of the same Baronets and their wiues, as well
 during their husbands liues as after: And the
 daughters of the same Baronets, the said
 daughters following next after the said
 wiues of the eldest sonnes of the same Baro-
 nets, shall haue place and Precedency before
 the eldest sonne, and the wife of the eldest
 sonne of any Knight of what Degree or or-
 der soeuer: And likewise that the younger
 sonnes of the same Baronets and their wiues,
 as well during their husbands liues as after,
 shall after the same manner haue place and
 Precedency next after the eldest sonnes, and
 the wiues of the eldest sonnes, and before
 the yonger sonnes, and before the wiues of
 the younger sonnes of any of the Knights a-
 foresaid. And our will and pleasure is, and
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We doe for Vs our heires and successors heereby further grant and appoint, that if any doubts or questions nor heereby, nor by any our recited Letters Pattents, cleared and determined doe or shall arise, concerning any place, Precedency, priuiledge, or other matter touching or concerning the same Baronets, and the heires Males of their bodies, and their wiues, their eldest sonnes and their wiues, their daughters, their yonger sonnes, and their yonger sonnes wiues, or any of them; such doubts or questions shall be decided and determined, by and according to such vsuall rules, custome, and lawes, for place Precedency, priuiledge, or other matters concerning them as other Degrees of Dignity, Hereditary, are ordered and adiudged. And further of our especiall Grace certaine knowledge and meere motion, We doe heereby declare and expresse our true intent and meaning to haue beene, and doe heereby promise and graunt for Vs, our heires and successors, to and with such Gentlemen as now be, or at any time heereafter shall be Baronets; That so soone as they or

any of them, shall attaine to the age of one and twenty yeeres. And likewise so soone as the eldest sonne or apparant heire Male of the bodies of them, or any of them shall during the life of their Father, or Grandfather, attaine to the age of one and twenty yeeres; and that the said Baronets, or the said eldest sonnes or apparant heires Males, shall be presented to Vs by the Lord Chamberlaine of our hould, or Vice Chamberlaine for the time being, or in their absence by any other officer attending vpon the person of Vs, our heires or successors to be made Knights, that they and euery of them shall from time to time be made Knights by Vs, our heires and successors accordingly: Provided neuerthelesse that any such eldest sonne of a Baronet being made Knight, shall not during his fathers life take place of any aunter Knight. And to the end that such as are, or at any time heereafter shall be Baronets, may haue vpon all occasions present vse and prooffe of these our fauours: We are farther graciously pleased, that as well such as now are, as also such as at any time heereafter shall
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be Baronets, and euery of them, shall and may at all times heereafter, haue and take Letters Patents vnder our great Seale of England, to the effect of the said forme recited Letters Patents and of these presents. As they shall be aduised by the learned Counsell to Vs, our heires or successors: And according to the true intent and meaning heerein, and in our said seuerall Letters Patents expressed. *In witnes whereof, &c.*

